Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1.   A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set

forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this

application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set

forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action

has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 15 June

2009 has been entered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

        Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview

with Stephen A. Bent on 20 August 2009.

        The application has been amended as follows:

        At claim 78, line 2, "a nucleic acid sequence" has been amended to read -- the

nucleic acid sequence --.

        At claim 79, line 3, "a nucleic acid sequence" has been amended to read -- the

nucleic acid sequence --.

3.   In an Examiner initiated interview, Applicants' attorney approved to amendment

to put the application in condition for allowance.

4.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to David H. Kruse, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571)

272-0799. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m.

        If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Anne Marie Grunberg can be reached at (571) 272-0975. The central FAX

number for official correspondence is 571-273-8300.

        Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or

proceeding should be directed to the Group Receptionist whose telephone number is

(571) 272-1600.

/David H Kruse/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1638
20 August 2009